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ARDWICK, MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD
Equitable Co-operative Society
LIMITED.

* BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.*

President: Councillor H. C. PINGSTONE.

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General Manager and Cashier:

Mr. J. C. HATTERSLEY.

Assistant Cashier: Mr. J. WAGSTAFF.

Bankers:

THE CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETY LIMITED.

HOURS OF BUSINESS.

Monday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Wednesday all the Establishments are closed at One o'clock.

The Office is open for the transaction of business on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HANDBOOK

OF THE

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD

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Co-operative Society Limited,

FOR

* 1886, *

CONTAINING—

A RECORD OF THE SOCIETY'S PROGRESS, AND
THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED FROM BECOMING MEMBERS;
STATISTICAL TABLE OF BENEFITS
ACTUALLY DERIVED FROM PRACTICAL MEMBERSHIP;
POST-OFFICE REGULATIONS;
AND OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION.



Central Offices:

DOWNING STREET, ARDWICK,
MANCHESTER.

TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

THE advent of the year 1886 makes it our pleasant duty to place in your hands this little HANDBOOK, which, it is intended, should serve a double purpose, viz., to stimulate and increase the interest of our members in the Society's business and general welfare, and to place before them, in a portable and attractive form, various items of information which are necessary for them in their dealings with the Society.

We beg to thank the members collectively for the increased loyalty which has been manifested during the year just closed. When it is remembered that we have turned over in the twelve months the large sum of £232,000, and this in the face of bad trade and the keenest competition, we have every reason to congratulate you and to look hopefully into the future, believing that the principles of honesty and equity are the only lasting ones; and, conducting the business of our Society on these lines, we feel sure of continued success.

The various departments are in excellent working order, and are capable of doing far more business at almost the same expense, which means an increased dividend and greater satisfaction to all concerned. May we remind you that the Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society is essentially *your own* concern, and, as such, requires the care and interest of *all* its owners? This thought, acted upon regularly, will make the future prospects of the Society doubly certain.

Assuring you of our very best wishes for the New Year,

Yours faithfully,

THE COMMITTEE.

January 1st, 1886.

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The following Gentlemen have occupied
 the position of President of the
 Society :—

JOHN C. EDWARDS	1859
" "	1860
JAMES M. PERCIVAL	1860
SAMUEL DAVIES	1860
EDWARD HOOSON	1861
" "	1862
" "	1863
JAMES M. PERCIVAL	1864
" "	1865
" "	1866
" "	1867
JOHN BOWES "	1868
JOSEPH RICHARDSON	1869
HENRY WHILEY	1870
THOMAS J. CONNOR	1871
WILLIAM FOSTER	1872
WILLIAM LEES	1873
JAMES HITON	1874
JOHN HARDMAN	1875
JOEL E. ENION	1876
HENRY C. PINGSTONE	1877
" "	1878
JOHN EDWARD'S	1879
ROBERT SMITH	1880
JOHN EDWARDS	1881
WILLIAM FOSTER	1881
RICHARD T. HOLLAND	1882
HENRY C. PINGSTONE	1882
" "	1883
" "	1884
" "	1885

Educational and Recreational Department.

COMMITTEE.

Chairman—Mr. RICHARD T. HOLLAND.

Honorary Secretary—Mr. JOHN E. CONNOR.

Mrs. MELLOR.

Mr. T. JONES.

Mr. W. ALSOP.

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The NEWSROOM at Downing Street is open daily.

The QUARTERLY MEETINGS of the Educational and Recreational Department, in 1886, will be held in the Downing Street premises on the following dates, viz., January 18, April 19, July 19, and October 18, at 7.30 p.m.

RECREATION.

Recreation is a necessity to all, and especially so to those whose occupation is of a sedentary character. Hence the great need of the masses for bodily recreation such as is catered for in our public parks, gymnasia, &c. But it must always be remembered that recreation is only valuable as it recuperates and invigorates; true recreation gives a stimulus and tone to life which the worker requires to make his work the best both in quality and quantity. Such a variety of recreation has been organised in connection with this department of our society, and its aim is to meet a felt want, and provide that which is a necessity alike to the body and the mind.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER.

A person wishing to join the society must leave his name, address, and occupation at the Central Store, or at any of the Branches, and pay an entrance fee of One Shilling, with sixpence for Pass Book and Rules, which he may receive at the end of one month, and is then entitled to all the privileges of the society. Every member is required to hold one £1 share, which may be paid up at once, or by instalments of 2s. 6d. per quarter; and no member can hold more than 200 shares.

Subscriptions paid in on or before the last day of the quarter will bear interest from the first of the following quarter. Should a member be unable to keep up his payments, the profits on his purchases—if they amount to 4s. weekly—will be sufficient to pay his share money at the end of each quarter. All shares are withdrawable except the first, which is transferable only, but every facility is afforded to render transfer as prompt as possible.

ADVANTAGES TO PURCHASERS.

Metal checks are given with all purchases excepting milk and butchery. Purchasers in the Butchery Department are allowed checks to the amount of half their purchases.

The small tokens must be kept until they amount to twenty shillings, and then taken to the store from whence the goods were purchased, and exchanged for a £1 metallic check. At the end of each quarter the stocks are taken, the books balanced, and the accounts audited, and whatever amount of net profit has been made is divided at so much per £ on each member's purchases, which may be withdrawn or added to share capital.

Non-members receive *tenpence in the pound*, payable on the first four days of the week, on application to the shopman, who is authorised to receive and pay on non-members' checks when they

amount to 10s. and upwards. Non-members' checks must be presented for payment at the shop from which the goods were purchased.

WITHDRAWAL OF SHARES.

A member wishing to withdraw capital must attend personally, or send a duly-authorised note, bearing such member's signature, to the Cashier's office; but, in all cases, members must make the first withdrawal personally.

If the member withdrawing has made his contributions at one of the society's branches, and is not known at the central office, he must procure a note of identification from the branch manager, who is also required to countersign any note authorising payment to any other than the actual member. Each member, or his duly-appointed representative, shall produce his pass book every time any money is paid or withdrawn from his share account, and the production of such pass book, together with the order signed or purporting to be signed by the member, shall at all times be a sufficient authority to the cashier or other authorised servant of the society to pay all or any non-transferable shares, dividend, or interest as stands to the credit of the member in such book or in the books of the society, to the person producing such pass book and order, and it shall be taken to mean that such person had the member's full consent and authority to receive the same on his behalf, and such person's receipt for the same shall be as valid in the hands of the society as if it had been given by the member himself; and after any payment shall have been so made, no member or any person on his behalf shall have any claim upon the society in respect to any money so paid. Any member may withdraw, at the discretion of the committee of management, without notice, any non-transferable shares he may have in the society. A person who has withdrawn,

transferred, or been repaid all his shares in the society shall cease to be a member. No payment of withdrawable capital shall be made while any claim due on account of any deposit is unsatisfied.

—Vide Rule 21.

ADVANTAGES TO PURCHASERS. NOTABLE EXAMPLES.

The following are a few specimens of the actual results of Membership, taken from our Share Ledgers :—

Date of Entry.	Amount Invested.			Amount Withdrawn.			Present Claim.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
December ..1860	1	0	0	51	18	1	78	19	9	
March.....1862	29	0	3	96	7	7	51	8	5	
December ..1863	4	7	7	127	10	5	29	5	8	
" ..1865	..			94	3	7	8	4	3	
" ..1866	..			45	9	4	44	18	8	
September..1870	0	5	0	89	11	9	1	0	0	
" ..1870	1	0	0	15	6	0	93	8	1	
December ..1870	..			56	13	3	3	12	10	
May.....1876	2	0	0	72	6	5	1	0	0	
".....1876	..			61	8	2	1	0	0	
March.....1879	1	0	0	139	17	10	1	0	0	
	£	38	12	10	850	12	5	313	17	8

It is easy to see from the above examples how from very small investments large sums may accrue, without any further effort than is ordinarily bestowed on the purchase of family requirements, providing those purchases are made at society's establishments, and not with the outside trader. Our members are fully acquainted with the facts, but the masses outside our movement should be told that their housekeeping expenses if laid out with us would immediately begin to realise a sensible profit, which, if allowed to accumulate, would certainly become in course of time a most welcome boon to the owner. To the stranger who has no knowledge of the co-operative movement, we would say, make a practical test by resolving to become a purchasing member of this society at the earliest possible moment.

STATISTICS OF GENERAL BUSINESS OF SOCIETY

Since commencement, June 4th, 1859.

		£ s. d.
Seven Months' Sales ending Jan. 3, 1860..		2,250 14 1
Sales from Jan. 3 to Dec. 26, 1860.....		23,368 9 1
Sales for year ending Dec. 24, 1861.....		46,737 17 8
" "	23, 1862.....	81,804 15 7
" "	21, 1863.....	24,405 1 0
" "	26, 1864.....	27,783 11 2
" "	25, 1865.....	44,864 8 0
" "	24, 1866.....	55,197 2 5
" "	23, 1867.....	70,723 11 7
" "	21, 1868.....	74,464 6 8
" "	27, 1869.....	70,821 17 4
" "	27, 1870.....	73,979 10 10
" "	26, 1871.....	84,334 1 3
" "	23, 1872.....	94,995 18 0
" "	22, 1873.....	103,679 10 2
" "	21, 1874.....	101,820 9 8
" "	27, 1875.....	104,121 8 0
" "	26, 1876.....	123,154 13 7
" "	24, 1877.....	169,968 2 3
" "	23, 1878.....	197,831 7 8
" "	22, 1879.....	208,517 8 1
" "	27, 1880.....	242,966 2 1
" "	27, 1881.....	242,472 19 11
" "	26, 1882.....	253,999 6 10
" "	26, 1883.....	258,991 0 4
" "	22, 1884.....	240,240 12 7
" 9 months ending Sept. 21, 1885 ..		174,460 0 5
TOTAL SALES		£3,147,954 6 3

IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS.

At Special Meetings of members held July 28th and October 27th, 1884, a resolution was passed altering Rule 26 as follows, viz.:—

And may make differential rates of dividend upon shares as between purchasing and non-purchasing members; members who do not bring in as many as twelve (12) one pound (£1) checks in the total in any four consecutive quarters to be deemed non-purchasing members.

The altered rule referring to the rate of dividend payable in future upon Share Capital began to take effect at the close of June quarter last year. The checks actually received during four quarters ending in March will be taken to determine between purchasing and non-purchasing members. Those members who have not brought in as many as twelve one pound (£1) checks in the four quarters then ending, will receive dividend on their shares at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum only, and at the close of the September quarter the four quarters ending in June will be taken as a basis, and so on each succeeding quarter.

DISPOSAL OF PROFITS

for the Year ending September, 1885:—

Dividend on Members' Purchases.....	£21,264	8	0
Bonus of 10d. in the £ to Non-members	210	19	2
Grant to Educational Fund	581	0	6
Bonus on Employés' Wages	581	0	6
Grant to Central Co-operative Board	57	13	11
Annual Donation to Royal Infirmary.....	10	0	0
Annual Donation to Royal Albert Asylum ..	5	5	0
Annual Donation to Children's Hospital....	5	5	0
Annual Donation to Salford Royal Hospital.,	5	5	0
Manchester Eye Hospital	5	5	0
St. Mary's Hospital	5	5	0
Ardwick and Ancoats Dispensary	5	5	0
Clifton Hall Colliery Explosion Fund	25	0	0
Transferred to Reserve Fund	480	19	2
	£23,242	11	3

JANUARY—31 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

New Moon, 5th, 7 44 a.m. | Full Moon, 20th, 7 45 a.m.
 First Quarter, 13th, 0 24 p.m. | Last Quarter, 27th, 1 31 a.m.

1	F	<i>Circumcision.</i> New Year's Day
2	S	Calcutta recaptured by Clive, 1757
3	S	Second Sunday after Christmas
4	M	Working Men's College, London, opened, 1863
5	Tu	Duke of York died, 1827
6	W	<i>Epiphany.</i> Old Christmas Day
7	Th	Retreat from Cabul, 1842
8	F	Prince Albert Victor born, 1864
9	S	Rochdale Corn Mill Quarterly Meeting
10	S	First Sunday after Epiphany
11	M	Denmark Road Branch opened, 1883
12	Tu	Rochdale Road Branch opened, 1874
13	W	Cambridge Lent Term begins
14	Th	Halley, astronomer, died, 1742
15	F	Colonel Stanley born, 1841
16	S	Hartley colliery accident, 1861
17	S	Second Sunday after Epiphany
18	M	Educational Quarterly Meeting
19	Tu	James Watt born, 1796
20	W	French retreat to Paris, 1871
21	Th	Collision at Abbot's Ripton
22	F	Earl Northbrook born, 1826
23	S	Star Corn Millers' Quarterly Meeting
24	S	Third Sunday after Epiphany
25	M	Quarterly Meeting, Downing Street
26	Tu	Indian Mutiny, 1857
27	W	Professor Sedgwick died, 1873
28	Th	Battle of Aliwal, 1846
29	F	King George III. died, 1820
30	S	King Charles I. beheaded, 1649
31	S	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

FEBRUARY—28 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

New Moon, 4th, 3 15 a.m. | Full Moon, 18th, 6 15 p.m.
 First Quarter, 12th, 2 46 a.m. | Last Quarter, 25th, 5 11 p.m.

1	M	Pass Books returnable & Divi. paid on and
2	Tu	Algerian Revolt, 1869. [after this date
3	W	Victoria Tower opened, 1852
4	Th	John Rogers martyred, 1555
5	F	Hyde Road New Store opened, 1880
6	S	King Charles II. died, 1685
7	S	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
8	M	Half-Quarter Day
9	Tu	Dr. Maskelyne died, 1811
10	W	Queen Victoria married, 1840
11	Th	London University founded, 1826
12	F	Lady Jane Grey beheaded, 1554
13	S	London Pantechnicon burnt, 1874
14	S	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
15	M	Cardinal Wiseman died, 1865
16	Tu	Lindley Murray died, 1826
17	W	Michael Angelo died, 1564
18	Th	Martin Luther died, 1540
19	F	Copernicus born, 1473
20	S	Joseph Hume died, 1855
21	S	Septuagesima Sunday
22	M	Trial of Leigh Hunt, 1811
23	Tu	Cato Street Conspiracy, 1820
24	W	Battle of Pavia, 1525
25	Th	Sir Christopher Wren died, 1723
26	F	Victor Hugo born, 1802
27	S	Henry W. Longfellow born, 1807
28	S	Sexagesima Sunday

MARCH—31 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

New Moon, 5th, 10 4 p.m. | Full Moon, 20th, 4 37 p.m.
 First Quarter, 13th, 1 17 p.m. | Last Quarter, 27th, 10 44 a.m.

1	M	<i>St. David's Day</i>	
2	Tu	John Wesley died, 1791	
3	W	William Godwin born, 1756	
4	Th	Hyde Road Branch opened, 1865	
5	F	Thames Tunnel opened, 1843	
6	S	Co-operative Wholesale Quarterly Meeting	
7	S	Quinquagesima Sunday	
8	M	William III. died, 1702	
9	Tu	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	
10	W	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
11	Th	Benjamin West died, 1820	
12	F	J. C. Edwards died, 1881	
13	S	Emperor of Russia assassinated, 1881	
14	S	First Sunday in Lent	
15	M	Commence taking in Pass Books & Checks	
16	Tu	Bradford Branch opened, 1865	
17	W	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	
18	Th	Marchioness of Lorne born, 1848 [Dpts. op. '70]	
19	F	Cen. Shoes, Drapry, Tailorng, & Butchery, New	
20	S	Sir Isaac Newton died, 1727	
21	S	Second Sunday in Lent	[Checks]
22	M	Last Day for bringing in Pass Books and	
23	Tu	National Gallery founded, 1821	
24	W	Loss of H.M.S. "Eurydice," 1878	
25	Th	<i>Lady Day</i>	
26	F	Salford New Store opened, 1868	
27	S	Treaty of Amiens, 1802	
28	S	Third Sunday in Lent	
29	M	John Keble died, 1866	
30	Tu	Marshal Vauban died, 1707	
31	W	Charlotte Brontë died, 1855	

APRIL—30 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

New Moon, 4th, 2 31 p.m. | Full Moon, 18th, 2 59 p.m.
 First Quarter, 11th, 8 44 p.m. | Last Quarter, 26th, 5 16 a.m.

1	Th	Prince Bismarck born, 1815
2	F	Richard Cobden died, 1865
3	S	George Herbert, poet, born, 1593
4	S	Fourth Sunday in Lent
5	M	Strangeways New Store opened, 1877
6	Tu	Battle of Badajos, 1812
7	W	Prince Leopold born, 1853
8	Th	Lorenzo Medici (le Grand) died, 1492
9	F	I. K. Brunel born, 1806
10	S	Rochdale Corn Mill Society's Quar. Mtng.
11	S	Fifth Sunday in Lent
12	M	Rodney's naval victory, 1782
13	Tu	Fort Sumter stormed, 1861
14	W	Salford Branch opened, 1860
15	Th	President Lincoln assassinated, 1865
16	F	Battle of Culloden, 1746
17	S	Benjamin Franklin died, 1790
18	S	Palm Sunday
19	M	Educational Quarterly Meeting
20	Tu	Napoleon III. born, 1808
21	W	Rochdale Road New Store opened, 1881
22	Th	Thomas Haynes Bayley died, 1839
23	F	Good Friday
24	S	Star Corn Millers' Quarterly Meeting
25	S	Easter Sunday
26	M	Quarterly Meeting, Downing Street
27	Tu	General Grant born, 1822
28	W	Strangeways Branch opened, 1867
29	Th	Czar of Russia born, 1818
30	F	Admiral Fitzroy died, 1865

MAY—31 Days.**PHASES OF THE MOON.**

New Moon, 4th, 3 43 a.m. | Full Moon, 18th, 1 47 a.m.
 First Quarter, 11th, 2 20 a.m. | Last Quarter, 25th, 11 36 p.m.

1	S	Duke of Connaught born, 1850
2	S	First Sunday after Easter. Low Sunday
3	M	Pass Books returnable & Divi. paid on and
4	Tu	Dr. Livingstone died, 1873. [after this date
5	W	Moss Lane West Butchery opened, 1881
6	Th	Sir Robert Cotton, antiquarian, died, 1631
7	F	Lord Brougham died, 1868
8	S	"Alabama" Treaty signed, 1871
9	S	Second Sunday after Easter
10	M	Bradlaugh first rejected, 1881
11	Tu	Hon. S. Percival assassinated, 1812
12	W	Sir Charles Barry, architect, died, 1860
13	Th	Auber, composer, died, 1871
14	F	Robert Owen born, 1771
15	S	Gorton New Store opened, 1867
16	S	Third Sunday after Easter
17	M	Prince Talleyrand died, 1838
18	Tu	William Lovett born, 1800
19	W	Russian capture of Ardahan, 1877
20	Th	Dr. Chambers died, 1883, aged 83
21	F	First Iron Boat launched, 1777
22	S	Marshal Pelleier died, 1866
23	S	Fourth Sunday after Easter
24	M	Brooklyn Bridge opened, 1883
25	Tu	Dr. Paley, author, died, 1805
26	W	Haydn died, 1809
27	Th	Coronation of Czar of Russia, 1883
28	F	H. Weekes, sculptor, died, 1877 [1660
29	S	Royal Oak Day. Restoration of Charles II.,
30	S	Rogation Sunday
31	M	Longsight Branch opened, 1878

JUNE—30 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

New Moon, 2nd, 1 55 p.m.	Full Moon, 16th, 1 39 p.m.
First Quarter, 9th, 7 27 a.m.	Last Quarter, 24th, 4 35 p.m.

1	TU	Prince Imperial killed, 1879
2	W	Garibaldi died, 1882
3	TH	Richard Cobden born, 1804. <i>Ascension Day</i>
4	F	Ancoats Branch opened, 1859
5	S	Co-operative Wholesale Quarterly Meeting
6	S	Sunday after Ascension
7	M	First Reform Bill, 1832
8	TU	Jno. E. Millais born, 1829
9	W	Charles Dickens died, 1870
10	TH	Crystal Palace opened, 1854
11	F	Sir John Franklin died, 1847
12	S	Dr. Arnold died, 1842
13	S	Whit Sunday
14	M	Commence taking in Pass Books & Checks
15	TU	Bank Holiday. Co-op. Congress at Plymouth
16	W	Dr. Norman Macleod died, 1872
17	TH	John Wesley born, 1703
18	F	Battle of Waterloo, 1815
19	S	Queen's Theatre, Manchester, built, 1789
20	S	Trinity Sunday
21	M	Last Day for bringing in Pass Books and
22	TU	Matthew Henry died, 1714 [Checks
23	W	Keble College dedicated, 1870
24	TH	<i>Midsummer Day</i>
25	F	Robert Dale Owen died, 1877
26	S	Repeal of the Corn Laws, 1846
27	S	First Sunday after Trinity
28	M	Queen Victoria crowned, 1838
29	TU	Lord Raglan died, 1855
30	W	Richard Parker, mutineer, hanged, 1797

JULY—31 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

New Moon,	1st, 10	7 p.m.	Full Moon,	16th, 3	9 a.m.
First Quarter,	8th, 1	18 p.m.	Last Quarter,	24th, 7	21 a.m.
			New Moon,	31st, 5	26 a.m.

1	Th	Princess Alice married, 1862
2	F	Sir Robert Peel killed, 1850
3	S	<i>Dog Days begin</i>
4	S	Second Sunday after Trinity
5	M	Various Licenses expire
6	Tu	Samuel Lover died, 1868
7	W	Sheridan died, 1816
8	Th	F. Z. Winterhalter, painter, died, 1873
9	F	Fire Insurance must be paid
10	S	Rochdale Corn Mill Society's Quar. Mtng.
11	S	Third Sunday after Trinity
12	M	Crimea evacuated, 1856
13	Tu	Richard Cromwell died, 1712
14	W	Bastille stormed, 1789
15	Th	St. Swithin. Franco-German War com., 1870
16	F	Paul de Beranger, poet, died, 1857 [opnd, 1879]
17	S	Bridgewater Canal opened, 1761. Salford Btchy.
18	S	Fourth Sunday after Trinity
19	M	Educational Quarterly Meeting
20	Tu	Earl Derby born, 1826
21	W	Robert Burns died, 1796
22	Th	Garibaldi born, 1807
23	F	Marquis of Hartington born, 1833
24	S	Star Corn Millers' Quarterly Meeting
25	S	Fifth Sunday after Trinity
26	M	Quarterly Meeting, Downing Street
27	Tu	Battle of Talavera, 1809
28	W	Cowley died, 1667
29	Th	William Wilberforce died, 1833
30	F	Battle of Saarbruck, 1870
31	S	St. Helena discovered, 1502

AUGUST—31 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter, 6th, 9 6 p.m. | Last Quarter, 22nd, 7 42 p.m.
 Full Moon, 14th, 6 24 p.m. | New Moon, 29th, 0 54 p.m.

1	S	Sixth Sunday after Trinity. [after this date
2	M	Pass Books returnable & Divi. paid on and
3	Tu	Arkwright died, 1792
4	W	Shelley born, 1792
5	Th	Callcott, composer, died, 1882
6	F	Duke of Edinburgh born, 1844
7	S	Baron Leathton died, 1799
8	S	Sebenty Sunday after Trinity
9	M	Greenwich Observatory commenced, 1675
10	Tu	Oldham Road Branch opened, 1860
11	W	Dog Days end
12	Th	Grouse Shooting commences
13	F	Old Lammas Day
14	S	Prince Albert of Prussia born, 1862
15	S	Eighth Sunday after Trinity
16	M	Gas first used in London, 1807
17	Tu	Frederick the Great died, 1786
18	W	Beattie died, 1803
19	Th	Robert Bloomfield died, 1823
20	F	Abergele Railway Accident, 1868
21	S	William IV. born, 1765
22	S	Ninth Sunday after Trinity
23	M	Treaty of Prague, 1866
24	Tu	Massacre of St. Bartholomew, 1572
25	W	Michael Faraday died, 1867
26	Th	Prince Albert born, 1819
27	F	Stretford Road Branch opened, 1860
28	S	First Submarine Cable laid, 1850
29	S	Tenth Sunday after Trinity
30	M	Dr. Paley born, 1743
31	Tu	John Bunyan died, 1688

SEPTEMBER—30 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter, 5th, 7 56 a.m.	Last Quarter, 21st, 5 56 a.m.
Full Moon, 13th, 10 50 a.m.	New Moon, 27th, 9 19 p.m.

1	W	King Cetewayo left England, 1882
2	Th	<i>Co-operative News</i> first issued, 1871
3	F	Cheetham Hill Branch opened, 1864
4	S	Co-operative Wholesale Quarterly Meeting
5	S	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
6	M	Hannah Moore died, 1833
7	Tu	Battle of Borodino, 1812
8	W	Garibaldi entered Naples, 1860
9	Th	Sebastopol taken, 1855
10	F	Capture of Tel-el-Kebir, 1882
11	S	Battle of Delhi, 1803
12	S	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
13	M	Commence taking in Pass Books & Checks
14	Tu	Duke of Wellington died, 1852
15	W	Liverpool & Manchester Railway opened, 1830
16	Th	Dr. Pusey died, 1881
17	F	Visit of Queen to France, 1855
18	S	Battle of Alma, 1854
19	S	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity [Checks]
20	M	Last Day for bringing in Pass Books and
21	Tu	Sir Walter Scott died, 1832
22	W	George III. crowned, 1761
23	Th	Planet Neptune discovered, 1846
24	F	Pan-Anglican Synod, 1867
25	S	Siege of Paris commenced, 1870
26	S	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
27	M	George Cruikshank born, 1792
28	Tu	Capitulation of Strasbourg, 1870
29	W	Cheetham Hill New Store opened, 1866
30	Th	George Whitfield died, 1770

OCTOBER—31 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter, 4th, 10 34 p.m. | Last Quarter, 20th, 2 41 p.m.
 Full Moon, 13th, 3 21 a.m. | New Moon, 27th, 7 16 a.m.

1	F	Earl Shaftesbury died, 1885
2	S	Admiral Keppel died, 1786
3	S	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
4	M	Guizot born, 1787
5	Tu	Rochdale Road Butchery opened, 1882
6	W	Marshal Pollock died, 1872
7	Th	Marshal Burgoyne died, 1871
8	F	Great Fire at Chicago, 1871
9	S	Rochdale Corn Mill Society's Quar. Mtng.
10	S	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
11	M	Zwingle, Swiss reformer, killed, 1531
12	Tu	Robert Stephenson died, 1859
13	W	Gorton Branch opened, 1860
14	Th	Norman Victory at Hastings, 1066
15	F	L.E.L. (Mrs. Maclean) died, 1838
16	S	Marie Antoinette executed, 1793 [Bch.op, 1882]
17	S	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Regent Road
18	M	Educational Quarterly Meeting
19	Tu	Dean Swift died, 1745
20	W	Thos. Hughes ("Tom Brown") born, 1823
21	Th	Lord Nelson killed, 1805
22	F	Bishop Fraser (Manchester) died, 1885
23	S	Star Corn Millers' Quarterly Meeting
24	S	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
25	M	Quarterly Meeting, Downing Street
26	Tu	"Royal Charter" lost, 1859
27	W	Sir Stafford Northcote born, 1818
28	Th	Alfred the Great died, 901
29	F	Sir Walter Raleigh decapitated, 1618
30	S	Sheridan born, 1751
31	S	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

NOVEMBER—30 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter, 3rd, 5 5 p.m. | Last Quarter, 18th, 10 40 p.m.
 Full Moon, 11th, 7 7 p.m. | New Moon, 25th, 7 19 p.m.

1	M	Pass Books returnable & Divi. paid on and	
2	Tu	<i>All Souls Day.</i>	[after this date]
3	W	Bread Riots at Exeter, 1867	
4	Th	George Peabody died, 1869	
5	F	Battle of Inkerman, 1854. Gunpowder Plot	
6	S	H. Fawcett, M.P., Postmaster-General, d., 1884	
7	S	Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	
*8	M	25th Anniversary, Demonstration at Belle	
9	Tu	Prince of Wales born, 1841	[Vue, 1884.]
10	W	Martin Luther born, 1483	
11	Th	<i>St. Martin. Martinmas</i>	
12	F	Charles Kemble died, 1854	
13	S	William Etty, R.A., died, 1849	
14	S	Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity	
15	M	Pitt, statesman, born, 1708	
16	Tu	John Bright born, 1811	
17	W	Openshaw New Store opened, 1870	
18	Th	Wellington's Funeral, 1852	
19	F	General peace proclaimed, 1815	
20	S	Berlin Decree, 1806	
21	S	Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.	
22	M	<i>St. Cecilia</i>	
23	Tu	Irish Rebellion, 1641	
24	W	Lord Melbourne died, 1848	
25	Th	Sir H. Havelock died, 1857	
26	F	Princess Dagmar born, 1846	
27	S	Princess Mary of Teck born, 1833	
28	S	Advent Sunday	
29	M	Horace Greeley died, 1872	
30	Tu	<i>St. Andrew's Day</i>	

* 10,000 people sat down to tea.

DECEMBER—31 Days.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter, 3rd, 2 25 p.m. | Last Quarter, 18th, 6 39 a.m.
 Full Moon, 11th, 9 30 a.m. | New Moon, 25th, 9 55 a.m.

1	W	Princess of Wales born, 1844
2	Th	Coup d'Etat in Paris, 1851
3	F	Dr. Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury, died, 1882
4	S	Co-operative Wholesale Quarterly Meeting
5	S	Second Sunday in Advent
6	M	Trollope, novelist, died, 1882
7	Tu	Foundation Stone of Central Store laid, 1863
8	W	Great Fire at Santiago
9	Th	Chester Road Branch opened, 1880
10	F	Openshaw Branch opened, 1859
11	S	Edward Hooson died, 1869. Great Storm, '83
12	S	Third Sunday in Advent
13	M	Commence taking in Pass Books & Checks
14	Tu	Prince Albert died, 1861
15	W	Lady Beaconsfield died, 1872
16	Th	Cambridge Michaelmas Term ends
17	F	Beethoven born, 1770
18	S	Slavery abolished in U.S. America, 1862
19	S	Fourth Sunday in Advent
20	M	Last Day for bringing in Pass Books and
21	Tu	SHORTEST DAY. [Checks
22	W	Archbishop of Canterbury born, 1811
23	Th	New Constitution declared at Constantinople,
24	F	Central Store opened, 1864 [1876
25	S	Christmas Day
26	S	First Sunday after Christmas
27	M	Charles Lamb died, 1834
28	Tu	Tay Bridge Disaster, 1879
29	W	W. E. Gladstone born, 1809
30	Th	Marshal Prim assassinated, 1870
31	F	Battle of Wakefield, 1460

SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR PURCHASING MEMBERS.

CHECK DEPARTMENT.

In order to facilitate the work of this Department, you are requested to change all Checks for £1 Tokens without delay, imperative orders having been given to the Shopmen that none but £1 Checks are to be received with the Pass Books.

The Head Shopmen are instructed to receive such Checks during all business hours on the FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE WEEK.

The Last Days for bringing in £1 Tokens and Pass Books during the year are as follows:—

March 22, June 21, September 20,
and December 20.

But you are respectfully requested to utilise the early part of the preceding week for the purpose indicated.

The Society's Quarterly Meetings take place in the Co-operative Hall, Downing Street, Ardwick, on the following dates, viz.:—January 25th, April 26th, July 26th, and October 25th, at 7.30 p.m.

Co-operative Wholesale Society's General Quarterly Meetings will be held in the Wholesale Society's Premises, Balloon Street, Manchester, March 6th, June 5th, September 4th, and December 4th, at 3 p.m.

The Rochdale Corn Mill Society's Quarterly Meetings are held at Rochdale, January 9th, April 10th, July 10th, and October 9th, at 4 p.m.

The Star Corn Mill Society's Quarterly Meetings are held at the Mill, Oldham, January 23rd, April 24th, July 24th, and October 23rd, at 4 p.m.

GENERAL GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Spices, and every article under this head, are carefully selected, and are sold at the Central Store, and at all the Branch Establishments.

FAMILY ORDERS CAREFULLY EXECUTED.

GOODS DELIVERED IN ALL PARTS OF MANCHESTER,
Salford, and Suburbs Daily.

NEW BAKERY.

Before the second month of the present year has closed, we hope to be able to invite our members and the public to view the extensive NEW PREMISES erected for this department. After a long and careful study, the Committee believe they have adopted—both in appliances and ovens—the most recent and valuable inventions for Bread making. The entire process will be carried out by machinery specially invented for the purpose, so that everything may be pure and free from contamination. It is hoped that this new venture will be fully appreciated by our customers, and the large expenditure be more than covered by a vast increase of trade.

MILK.

This is a growing branch of the society's business. Already we have six floats at work, and when the new dairy, now in course of erection, is completed, we shall be able to cover new ground, and do a greatly-increased trade. The Milk is got from some of the best dairy farms in Cheshire and Derbyshire, and the members may rely on securing a *pure* article. It is sold at 3d. per quart during the summer, and at 3½d. per quart during the winter months.

The salutary practice of cash payments for domestic expenditure commends itself to the approval of the wisest and warmest patrons of social progress.

DRAPERY, &c.

This business is carried on at the Central Store, Openshaw and Regent Road Branches, and at Moss Lane West.

The Stocks of Drapery are now replete with an extensive variety of goods of the newest designs, from the best makers, suitable for the present season.

GENTLEMEN'S HOSIERY AND GENERAL OUTFITTING.

In connection with the Drapery we beg to announce that arrangements have been made for the complete FURNISHING and CONDUCTING of FUNERALS. Every effort will be made to manage this department with economy, care, and prompt attention.

CLOTHING CLUB, SHARES £1 EACH,

Payable by weekly subscriptions of 1s. per share. Club cards (1d. each) can be obtained at the Central shops or at any of the branch stores. Coupons are issued weekly for the amount of subscriptions received. Through the Clothing Club the following can be obtained:—

Fancy Dresses,	Blankets,	Shawls,
Skirts,	Flannels,	Wool Handkerchiefs,
Shirtings,	Sheets,	Cloth Mantles,
Winceys,	Quilts,	Cloth Jackets,
Prints,	Ticks,	Wool Shirtings,
Hosiery,	Flax Linen,	Union Shirtings,
Gloves,	Hollands,	Oxford Shirtings,
Umbrellas,	Diapers,	Lace Curtains, &c.

Also Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Tailors' Goods, Hats and Caps, Furniture, Bedding, Carpets, Rugs and Mats, Linoleum, Oilcloths, Matting, Coals, &c.

The Committee instituted these series of Clubs for the benefit of members who find it a convenience to purchase Drapery and other articles of Clothing, &c., by small weekly payments. And in their efforts to conduct the Clubs with the greatest punctuality and order, they confidently rely upon the assistance of those members who accept the privileges offered, by the regularity of their con-

tributions, so as to secure the greatest advantages to themselves, and be of service to the Society also.

Each Club runs twenty weeks, and each share is 1s. per week.

Members are not restricted as to the number of shares they purchase.

A ballot takes place each week for the total amount of pounds subscribed.

All shares fully paid up to date participate in the ballot.

Members paying their shares up in full can have their coupons at any time.

All kinds of Drapery, Boots and Shoes, Tailoring, Furniture, and Coals, can be purchased with the coupons.

N.B.—For the protection of members, it is necessary that the Club card *must* be produced with the coupon when purchasing, or the goods cannot be supplied.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

A large variety of BOOTS AND SHOES always in stock at the Central Store, Openshaw, Moss Lane West, and Regent Road Branches. Great care and attention is paid to *Bespoke Orders* and *Repairs*, which are executed on the premises by first-class workmen. The stock comprises :—

Ladies' First-class Elastic-side Boots, plain and ornamental.
Ladies' Superior " " stitched and riveted.

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Gentlemen's Wellingtons, in stock and to measure.

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Gentlemen's Elastic-side Boots, home-made.

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Gentlemen's Light and Strong Bluchers, home-

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Girls' and Children's Best Elastic Balmoral and Buttons.

Girls' and Children's Best Elastic, Balmoral, and Buttoned
Boots.

Patent Calf, Cordovan, Russet

Slippers.
Fall and Rubber Sole.

Felt and Rubber Overshoes.
Leather, Elastic, Cork Soles, Laces, and Kid Reviver.
Orders for Repairs left at any of the Branch Stores
will be carefully attended to.

The Members and the Public generally are respectfully informed that the VANMEN are authorised to RECEIVE BOOTS AND SHOES FOR REPAIRING, and, when finished, will re-deliver them.

In all cases please to have them ready when the Vanman calls with other goods, so as not to delay him.

PRICES.

Men's, Soled and Heeled....from	2s. 9d.	to	3s. 9d.
Ladies'	"	"	1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d.
Children's "	"	"	1s. 3d. to 2s. 0d.

NEW ELASTICS.

Men's.....	from	1s. to 1s. 2d.
Ladies'	,,	10d. to 1s. 2d.

All Goods to be paid for on Delivery.

BUTCHERS' MEAT

Is sold at the CENTRAL STORE, OPENSHAW, SALFORD, ROCHDALE ROAD, MOSS LANE WEST, DENMARK ROAD, and HYDE ROAD BRANCHES. The quality of the meat gives general satisfaction. Orders left at the Store, or sent per post, will be duly executed. Half checks only given in this Department.

COAL DEPARTMENT.

Orders are received at the Central and Branch Stores, where prices may be ascertained. A deposit of £1 is required previous to the delivery of the Coal.

In order to meet a want expressed by some of our members, we have recently begun to supply COAL in BAGS, and we are glad to say that this venture has been a success. We have four lorrys constantly at work in this branch alone, with a prospect of still further increasing the trade.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Arrangements are now made with the Co-operative Wholesale Society's Furniture Department, at Balloon Street, Corporation Street, Manchester, for supplying our members with furniture.

Members must provide themselves with an order, signed by the manager of the branch where they are in the habit of dealing. On presentation of this order at the above address they can procure anything they may require.

TAILORING.

This Department is well stocked with the newest and most fashionable goods, suitable for all classes, and which have been secured at prices below their present value. Members can thus secure good value for money, made in style, and at the lowest price for a really genuine article. A good fit guaranteed.

The Representative of this Department attends at each Branch about once a fortnight, to measure, receive orders, or show samples, or, if desired, will wait upon purchasers at their residences by arrangement.

MOURNING or other orders can be executed (if required) at a day's notice.

Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Ulsters, or Cloaks made to order in most fashionable styles.

Silk and Felt Hats, Caps, and Braces, Ready-made Clothes, and Workmen's Cord and Moleskin Trousers, from 8s.

Men's Suits from 35s.; Men's Trousers from 11s.; Boys' Suits from 7s. 6d.; Black Suits, all wool, from £3; Best West of England Blacks, £4. 15s.

READY-MADES.—A large stock of Boys' and Men's Suits at low prices.

Members would oblige by exchanging their Checks for £1 Tokens as often as possible, on any of the First Four Days of the Week.

ALL GOODS TO BE PAID FOR WHEN ORDERED, OR ON DELIVERY.

POSTAL GUIDE.

INLAND LETTERS OR PACKETS

Sent to or from any part of the United Kingdom are charged as follows:—

Not exceeding 1oz. in weight, prepaid.....	1d.
Exceed. 1oz. and not exceed. 2oz. ,,	1½d.
" 2oz. " 4oz. " 	2d.
" 4oz. " 6oz. " 	2½d.
" 6oz. " 8oz. " 	3d.
" 8oz. " 10oz. " 	3½d.
" 10oz. " 12oz. " 	4d.

and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for every 2oz. additional. The weight is not limited.

If the postage be not paid in advance, a *double postage* will be demanded on delivery; and if the prepaid postage be insufficient, *double the amount of the deficiency* will be charged.

No letter or packet may be more than 18 inches in length, 9 in width, or 6 in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

Postage stamps are now the same as receipt stamps.

NEWSPAPERS.

A postage of one halfpenny is charged for the transmission of each daily or weekly registered newspaper within this country. The postage must be prepaid by adhesive stamp or stamped wrapper. The prepaid rate for a packet containing two or more registered newspapers is one halfpenny for each newspaper, or, if each weigh less than 2oz., then at the book postage rate of one halfpenny for every 2oz. No packet must exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth, or 14lb. in weight. The newspaper must contain no writing of the nature of a letter.

Newspapers for abroad must be posted within eight days of publication. If posted after eight days, book postage rates must be paid.

BOOK POST.

The prepaid postage for a book, or packet of books, paper, printed matter, manuscript, circulars, or photographs (when not on glass, or in cases containing glass, or any like substance), including binding and mounting, is one halfpenny for every 2oz., or fraction of that weight.

No packet of "printed matter of any kind" must exceed 5lbs. in weight, or eighteen inches in length, or six inches in depth, or nine inches in width.

POST CARDS

For transmission between places in the United Kingdom, are sold in packets at 7d., or of finer quality at 8d. per dozen. They may also be had in smaller numbers, or singly. Reply post cards at double these rates.

REGISTRATION OF LETTERS.

The fee for registration, in addition to the ordinary postage, is *twopence* for a letter, or other packet, to any place within the United Kingdom, the Colonies, or Foreign Countries. The registration and postage fee must be prepaid by stamps. Registered envelopes, letter size, are supplied at $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. each, but the proper postage stamps have to be added. If letters enclosing coin are *sent unregistered*, they will be *charged on delivery with a registration fee of eightpence*, and the same fee will be charged on letters marked "Registered" but posted unregistered instead of being given to a Post-office servant. When a registered letter is lost or the contents abstracted, the Postmaster-General is empowered to make good the loss to the extent of two pounds, provided all the regulations were duly complied with.

REGISTERED LETTER ENVELOPES

Are kept on sale by all postmasters; they are of two sizes, F, $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $3\frac{1}{4}$ in.; G, 6in. by $3\frac{3}{4}$ in.; price, $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. each, or 2s. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. a packet of 12. Other sizes may also be obtained—viz., H, 8in. by 5in., $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. each, or 2s. 7d. a packet of 12; I, 10in. by $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., and K, $11\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 5in., 3d. each, or 2s. 10d. a packet of 12. In addition to the cost of registered envelope, stamps for the rate of postage have to be affixed.

TELEGRAMS.

Telegrams may be sent to all parts of the United Kingdom, at the rate of 6d. for twelve words, including addresses, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each additional word. This charge includes the name of the sender and receiver, and delivery within one mile of the office—beyond that limit the charge is 6d. per mile for the first three miles; if three or more miles, at the rate of 1s. per mile. At the chief office in London and in all large towns telegrams are received and forwarded on Sundays. They are not delivered after 8 p.m. unless the sender expresses the wish on the telegram.

INLAND MONEY ORDERS.

The highest amount granted in one order is limited to £10. The commission charged within the United Kingdom is:—

	For sums under 10s.....	2d.	
10s. and under £2 ..	3d.	£6 and under £7	8d.
£2 " £3 ..	4d.	£7 " £8	9d.
£3 " £4 ..	5d.	£8 " £9	10d.
£4 " £5 ..	6d.	£9 " £10	11d.
£5 " £6 ..	7d.	£10	1s.

The rules and regulations respecting lost or lapsed orders will be found on the forms issued.

POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.

Unlike post-office orders, they are issued for fixed sums; for those of 1s. and 1s. 6d. there will be a charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; of 2s. 6d., 5s.; and 7s. 6d., 1d.; on those of 10s., 12s. 6d., 15s., 17s. 6d. and 20s., the charge will be 2d. These must be presented for payment within three months from date of issue, or a fresh commission will be charged equal to first cost. The person to whom a postal order is issued must, before parting with it, fill in the name of the person to whom the amount is to be paid, and may fill in the name of the money order office at which the amount is to be paid. The person so named must, before payment can be made, sign the receipt at the foot of the order, and must also fill in the name of the money-order office, if that has not been already done.

Every person to whom a postal order is issued should keep a record of the number, date, and name of office of issue, to facilitate inquiry if the order should be lost.

If a postal order be crossed “ & Co.” payment will only be made through a banker, and if the name of a banker is added, payment will only be made through that bank. A postal order presented by, or through, a banker for payment will not (in the absence of an express arrangement between such banker and the Postmaster-General to the contrary) be paid until after such order has been examined at the chief office in London. After a postal order has once been paid, to whomsoever it is paid, the Postmaster-General will not be liable for any further claim. If any erasure or alteration be made, or if the order is cut, defaced, or mutilated, payment may be refused. The regulations under which postal orders are issued allow the postmaster to delay or refuse the payment of an order, but he must at once report his reasons for so doing to the Postmaster-General.

After the expiration of three months from the last day of the month of issue, a postal order will be payable only on payment of a commission equal to the amount of the original poundage, with the addition (if more than three months have elapsed since the said expiration) of the amount of the original poundage for every further period of three months which has so elapsed, and for every portion of any such period of three months over and above every complete period.

POST-OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

Savings Banks are now established at all money order offices, where sums of not less than one shilling may at any time be deposited. Not more than £30 will be received in any one year, nor will any interest be paid when the amount standing at depositor's account reaches £150 exclusive of interest. Interest is paid at the rate of 6d. per £ per annum. In order to encourage small savings, at every post-office in the United Kingdom, forms for the making of small deposits in Post-office Savings Banks are now issued gratuitously. Each of these forms, which are about the size of an ordinary cheque, has twelve divisions, in each of which a penny postage stamp can be placed. When a form has thus been filled with twelve stamps it will be received at any Post-office at which there is a savings bank as a deposit of a shilling.

PARCELS POST.

Parcels not exceeding 7lbs. in weight can be sent from any Post-office to any place in the United Kingdom, including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The size allowed for an inland postal parcel is :—

Greatest length " " 3ft. 6in.

Greatest length and girth combined, 6ft.

The rates of postage are for a parcel—

Not exceeding 1lb. in weight..... 3d.

Exceeding 1lb. and not exceeding 3lbs..... 6d.

" 3lbs. " " 5lbs..... 9d.

5lbs. " " 5lbs..... 1s.
" 5lbs. " " 7lbs..... 1s.

Parcels can be addressed to be called for to those offices to which letters may be addressed; but any parcels remaining in the office after one entire day will be charged demurrage at the rate of 1d. per day. The words "Parcels Post" must be written in the left-hand corner, and great care should be exercised in the weighing, for no parcel will be received which is over 7lbs. in weight, or insufficiently stamped.

TESTIMONY.

"Co-operation," it is well said, "aims at straightforwardness and integrity in its dealings, and at genuineness in the goods in which it deals. Co-operation educates people in knowledge of business and of the economical relations between men in these days. It gives men self-reliance and self-control. It gives them something to hope for." Aye, and something to labour for, we may add—raising the toiler from a position of absolute dependence to a condition which brings his best energies into play and fosters habits of steady industry most favourable to the growth and maintenance of an honourable character. The pecuniary gain may be small at first, but once it is proved to be steadily progressive, an important and ever-widening influence is set at work.—*Lloyd's Weekly*.

THRIFT AND PROSPERITY.

Micawber points a moral well worthy of consideration when he advises those who intend to prosper to spend less than they earn. We all know people who have gone on the reverse principle, and have come to poverty and want, or perhaps still further, to crime. On the other hand, prudence, economy, sobriety, will, with the blessing of Providence, make a family independent and contented—elements of all good citizenship and prosperity. The grand design of the CO-OPERATION which we honour by our opinions, and more especially by our actions, is to provide, first of all, pure and wholesome food at ordinary prices. But the principle, when rightly carried out, has a still further advantage, and that is the inculcation of the habits of thrift mentioned above. For instance, if a family are unable to put by a certain sum weekly as savings, by purchasing all their requirements at the store, and allowing the dividends to accumulate, a fund is formed which is continually increasing, and which in many an instance has been the nucleus of a competency.

VAN DELIVERIES.

Orders received before nine o'clock in the morning will be forwarded, if required, to the purchaser's residence, as follows:—

DOWNING STREET: Daily.

168, GREAT ANCOATS STREET: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

518 and 520, ASHTON OLD ROAD, HIGHER OPENSHAW: Daily.

278, CHAPEL STREET, SALFORD: Daily.

398, OLDHAM ROAD: Daily.

132, STRETFORD ROAD: Daily.

81, WELLINGTON STREET, GORTON: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

243, CHEETHAM HILL: Daily.

300, HYDE ROAD: Daily.

53, ASHTON NEW ROAD, BRADFORD: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

145A, GREAT DUCIE STREET, STRANGEWAYS: Daily.

557, ROCHDALE ROAD: Daily.

383, STOCKPORT ROAD, LONGSIGHT: Daily.

59, MOSS LANE WEST, BROOKS'S BAR: Daily.

161, CHESTER ROAD, HULME: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday.

159, REGENT ROAD, SALFORD: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

DENMARK ROAD, MOSS SIDE EAST: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

ALL GOODS TO BE PAID FOR WHEN ORDERED, OR ON DELIVERY.

Purchasers are respectfully requested to get a receipt for all moneys paid to Vanmen when the goods are delivered.

Written orders for goods, sent per post or otherwise, punctually and carefully executed.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The NEW Co-OPERATIVE HALL and ASSEMBLY Room with convenient Ante-rooms at the Central Store to be let for Concerts, Tea Parties,* Public Meetings, Bazaars, Exhibitions, &c. For scale of charges, apply at the Hall.

The LARGE Room at Higher Openshaw Branch† to be let for Tea Parties, Concerts, Lectures, Meetings, &c., on reasonable terms. Apply at the Stores.

* Tea Service complete, to accommodate 500 persons.

† Tea Service for upwards of 300 persons.

Central Stores:
DOWNING STREET, ARDWICK.

Departments:

General Groceries and Provisions.

General Drapery, &c.

Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hats, Caps, &c.

Boots and Shoes; bespoke and ready-made.

Butchers' Meat, Pork, &c.

Coals, in bags or loads.

Milk.

Branch Stores:

168, Great Ancoats Street.

518 and 520, Ashton Old Road, Higher Openshaw.

278, Bank Parade, Chapel Street, Salford.

398, Oldham Road.

132, Stretford New Road.

81, Wellington Street, Gorton.

243, Cheetham Hill.

300, Hyde Road, Ardwick.

53, Ashton New Road, Bradford.

145a, Great Ducie Street, Strangeways.

557, Rochdale Road.

383, Stockport Road, Longsight.

59, Moss Lane West, Brooks's Bar.

161, Chester Road, Hulme,

159, Regent Road. Salford.

Denmark Road, Moss Side East.

DRAPERY and SHOES at Higher Openshaw, Moss Lane West, & 274, Regent Road.

BUTCHERS' MEAT at Openshaw, Salford, Moss Lane West, Rochdale Road, Denmark Road, and Hyde Road.